

House Resolution 99

By: Representatives Sellier of the 136th, Talton of the 145th, O`Neal of the 146th, Pruett of the 144th, and Cheokas of the 134th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Connie Bowlin for her induction into the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Connie Bowlin grew up on a tobacco farm in Kernersville, North Carolina, and
4 graduated from Winston-Salem Business College in 1970; and

5 WHEREAS, while working as a flight attendant for Delta Airlines, Mrs. Bowlin trained to
6 successfully obtain her private, commercial, and airline transport pilot certificates and
7 multi-engine and instrument ratings; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1978, Mrs. Bowlin became the fourth female pilot hired by Delta Airlines,
9 which made her one of the first 50 women pilots hired by a major airline carrier; and

10 WHEREAS, this aviation role model, who retired from Delta Airlines in 2003 after 25 years
11 of service, has logged more than 18,000 flight hours in more than 70 types of aircraft and is
12 currently the only woman flying the B-17; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowlin currently resides in Griffin, Georgia, with her husband Ed where
14 she spends her time on the ground writing aviation articles which have been published in
15 several aviation magazines; and

16 WHEREAS, this aeronautical ace is the driving force behind the Warbirds in Review, a
17 program which showcases significant warbird aircraft and pilots during EAA AirVenture
18 Oshkosh; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowlin's flight skills have been recognized with her 2008 induction into
20 the Sport Aviation Hall of Fame and her classification as "Eagle" by the Air University
21 during the Gathering of Eagles in 1998; and

22 WHEREAS, on February 14, 2009, Mrs. Bowlin will be formally inducted into the Georgia
23 Aviation Hall of Fame in a ceremony at the Robins Air Force Base Museum of Aviation; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowlin is rightfully deserving of admission into the Georgia Aviation Hall
25 of Fame for her many successes and the example she has set for so many, and it is both
26 fitting and proper that we recognize this great female pilot's contribution to Georgia's
27 aviation history.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 this body commends Mrs. Connie Bowlin for her induction into the Georgia Aviation Hall
30 of Fame and looks forward to seeing this outstanding Georgian's achievements recognized
31 and recorded into Georgia's aviation history and legacy.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Connie Bowlin.